IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2005 1750A

Yoshiharu KOBAYASHI et al. : Confirmation No. 5608

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to the requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 16, 2009, Applicants hereby elect Species A, which is illustrated in Figs. 1A-1C, 2 and 3. Claims 29-35 and 57-59 read on the elected species.

In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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